

March 2, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 10, 1999 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Anytime that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
MARCH 10, 1999**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> <p>2. <u>Approval of February 10, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested to not exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.</p> <p>4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.</p> <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>2. Review and approve February 10, 1999 meeting minutes.</p> <p>3. For information.</p> <p>4. For information and discussion.</p> <p>5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> |
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*** ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

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| <p>*6. <u>Administrative Adjustment to the FY 1999-2003
MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council in September 1998. It is necessary to revise the FY 1999 element of the</p> | <p>6. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the transit administrative adjustment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.</p> |
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Transit portion of the TIP to accelerate 9 projects, revise 10 projects and defer 6 projects. The 9 accelerated projects are a result of additional funding opportunities within the FY 1999 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill. These changes are not expected to affect the MAG air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*7A. Long Range Transit Plan Update

The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) has completed an update of the Long Range Transit Plan for the region. The Long Range Transit Plan is developed to articulate a vision for the future of public transportation in the region. The Plan's horizon is a 20 year period. Near term issues and specific projects are addressed in the Short Range Transit Plan, which covers a period five years into the future. Both documents are prepared by the RPTA for inclusion into the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The Plan update includes a fixed guideway system and major expansions of local, express and Dial-A-Ride bus services. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*7B. 1999 Update of MAG Regional Bicycle Plan

The MAG Regional Bicycle Plan was adopted by the Regional Council in February, 1992. In October, 1997, the Regional Bicycle Task Force (RBTF) initiated discussion of methods to update the MAG Regional Bicycle Plan. After extensive discussion and review, the RBTF focused on three critical tasks. The RBTF decided to address other planning tasks as part of an ongoing regional bicycle planning process. The 1999 Update of the MAG Regional Bicycle Plan addresses these critical planning tasks. The Update revises goals and objectives, changes evaluation criteria for project selection, enhances plan maps, updates the funding plan, and documents possible future planning activities. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Consultant Selection for MAG External Travel Survey

The FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a \$150,000 project to

7A. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the 1999 Update of the Long Range Transit Plan for inclusion in the Draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for conformity analysis.

7B. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the 1999 Update of the MAG Regional Bicycle Plan for inclusion into the 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for conformity analysis.

8. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the selection of the consultant Parsons Transportation Group to provide MAG with an external travel study for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

obtain information about travel passing through the MAG region or travel entering the MAG region. This survey information will update the 13 year old external travel portion of the MAG Regional Transportation model. The study will provide information about travel at the edges of our current model study area. Half of this survey is being paid by Maricopa County as a joint undertaking. On December 20, 1998, a Request for Proposals was advertised. Two proposals were received. These proposals were from the Parsons Transportation Group (PTG) and ATD Northwest. On February 9, 1999, a consultant evaluation group reviewed the proposals and interviewed the two firms and recommended selecting PTG. MAG is recommending that PTG conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Program

On March 1, 1999, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee ranked applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. FTA provides these funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 20 applications for capital assistance awards were received and considered by the Committee. The ranking provided by MAG is considered by ADOT in determining which applicants are to be awarded. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information, discussion and recommendation to forward the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly & Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*10A. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendments to the MAG 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program

On February 23, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that 18 projects be added to the 1999 MAG federally funded program, including the necessary amendment of the MAG 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). All 18 projects on the list are considered minor for

10A. For information, discussion and consultation.

conformity purposes. Six projects are being advanced to 1999 as an administrative adjustment to the TIP. Costs for 2 existing projects have increased, which also requires an administrative adjustment. The remaining 10 projects are minor additions. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by March 24, 1999.

MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and has found that the proposed projects may be categorized as exempt, for which conformity determinations are not required, or not regionally significant, for which emission modeling is not required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated October 20, 1998 and would be unchanged by the proposed minor TIP Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10B. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for an Administrative Adjustment to the MAG 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested that MAG make an administrative adjustment to the MAG 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 25 transit projects. Nine of the projects are accelerations to FY 1999. Ten projects are being revised. Six projects are being deferred and will be addressed in the upcoming TIP. The proposed projects are considered to require only a minor administrative adjustment to the TIP. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by March 24, 1999.

MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and has found that the projects in question may be categorized as exempt, for which conformity determinations are not required, or not regionally significant, for which emission modeling is not required. The current conformity approval of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan will be unchanged by the proposed minor

10B. For information, discussion and consultation.

administrative adjustment to the TIP. This conformity assessment is being transmitted for consultation purposes to the agencies and other interested parties. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*10C. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects of the MAG 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and State conformity regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as MAG to consult with State and local air quality and transportation agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. It is requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by March 24, 1999. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10C. For information, discussion and consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

11. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Management Committee.

11. For information and discussion.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

12A. MAG Fiscal Analysis Annual Report (10 minutes)

Each year, MAG produces a report that reviews the MAG Freeway Program. The Annual Report is required by a state law passed in 1992. Its purpose is to address the status of the regional freeway system. Since the first issuance of the Annual Report in April 1992, the Regional Freeway System, as reported in the Arizona Department of Transportation Life Cycle Program, has been in balance with available revenues and construction schedules have been met. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12A. For information and discussion.

12B. Accelerated MAG Freeway Program and State Highway System (10 minutes)

In December, a map was provided to the Regional Council which proposed accelerating the completion of the MAG Freeway Program from 2014 to 2007. Staff has worked in cooperation with the ADOT staff on revenue and financing assumptions. Also, construction and right-of-way costs have been reviewed. In addition, other improvements to the MAG Freeway System and State Highway System are being proposed. These accelerations and improvements were discussed at the February Regional Council meeting and have been incorporated into the Draft Transportation Improvement Program. In March, the Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving these accelerations and improvements for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Federal Fiscal Year 1999 MAG Federal Funds Preliminary Closeout / Amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and to the FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (5 minutes)

The federal funds available to the MAG region under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) have increased from an average of \$40 million per year to \$55 million. Regional Council action has increased the funds that are committed to the regional freeway system from an average of \$28 million per year to \$33.6 million. As a result, approximately \$16 million are likely to be available and are currently unprogrammed in the region for the current year, FY 1999. In order to program the additional funds available for the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), it is necessary to carry out a preliminary closeout of the current federal fiscal year. There have been three requests to carry projects forward to FY 2000 and one requested deletion. It is important to note that the Obligation Authority to spend the FY 1999 funds must be committed by September 30, 1999 and the projects for the funds must have completed federal procedures. On February 23, 1999, the Transportation Review Committee recommended a list of project additions to FY 1999. Several of the recommended projects require a "minor" amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP, in order to proceed, and others require an amendment to the FY 1999 Unified Planning Work

12B. For information and discussion.

13. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the following additions to FY 1999:

- 1) Accelerate the design of programmed bicycle projects, \$217,833 (CMAQ);
- 2) Accelerate the MAG telecommunications project, \$90,000 (CMAQ) **;
- 3) Accelerate Maricopa County Peoria Ave bridge pedestrian project, \$59,570 (CMAQ);
- 4) Accelerate Maricopa County upgrade AzTech data server, \$471,500 (CMAQ);
- 5) Accelerate Maricopa County dust stabilization project, \$377,200 (CMAQ);
- 6) Accelerate design of Phoenix Parking Management System, \$430,000 (CMAQ) *;
- 7) Purchase 18 new standard buses, \$5,431,680 (CMAQ) *;
- 8) Implement new Ozone Campaign, \$300,000 (CMAQ) **;
- 9) Preliminary design for regional rail development, \$2,600,000 (CMAQ) *;
- 10) Four new MAG telecommunications projects, \$575,000 (CMAQ/STP) **;
- 11) Construct Tempe Downtown Parking Management System, \$3,206,200 (CMAQ)*;
- 12) Install new Tempe pedestrian lighting upgrade, \$707,250 (CMAQ) *;
- 13) Construct Scottsdale intersection improvement, \$1,697,400 (CMAQ) *;
- 14) Implement new Surprise dust stabilization project, \$285,900 (CMAQ) *;
- 15) MAG Travel Survey - \$500,000 (STP-MAG)**;

Program (UPWP) and Annual Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 16) MAG Northwest Grand Avenue Study - \$100,000 (STP-MAG) **
- 17) Implement new MAG ITS Plan Update, \$250,000 (STP-MAG) **; and
- 18) Install new Chandler ITS System detectors, \$113,160 (CMAQ) *.

* Authorize an amendment to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include these projects in FY 1999

** Also amend the FY 1999 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

14A. FY 1999 MAG Mid Phase Public Input Opportunity Report (5 minutes)

In late February, the mid-phase public meetings were sponsored by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). The Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) also participated in the meetings. Events included a Regional Transportation Stakeholders meeting, a Transportation Fair, an open house and a public hearing. The joint public hearing was conducted by representatives of the governing bodies of the sponsoring agencies on February 23, 1999. The public hearing included a presentation on the MAG Freeway Program Annual Report and an opportunity for citizens to comment on transportation issues. All of the events provided information on the draft 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. The results of these meetings are included in the Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14A. For information and discussion.

14B. MAG Federal Funding: Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (5 minutes)

Each year, MAG submits a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for an air quality conformity analysis. The TIP includes federally funded transportation projects. Under TEA-21 federal formulas, MAG is expected to directly receive approximately \$55 million each year in federal funds, and these funds have been allocated to projects and placed in the draft TIP. In accordance with Regional Council action, up to \$33.6 million of MAG federal funds have been allocated to regional freeway system projects. In addition to MAG federal funds,

14B. For information, discussion and recommendation to include the MAG federally funded projects recommended by the Transportation Review Committee in the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis.

ADOT provides MAG an estimate of State federal funds available to this region for programming. Due to the increase in MAG federal funds projected for all years of the TIP, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) has recommended that only the additional funds in the first three years of the TIP should be programmed (FYs 2000, 2001 and 2002). For these years, approximately \$100 million in total is expected to be available for freeway projects and approximately \$45 million in uncommitted funds for other projects such as streets, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and telecommunication projects. New project requests were received totaling \$191 million. These projects were rated by MAG modal technical advisory committees and on February 23, 1999, the TRC reviewed the ratings and recommended a program of MAG Federally funded projects for inclusion in the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for a conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14C. Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (5 minutes)

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. The TIP serves as a five year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects. On February 23, 1999, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14D. Conformity Analysis of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update (5 minutes)

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans and programs be in conformance with applicable air quality plans. To comply with this requirement, it is necessary to conduct a conformity analysis on an update to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Items addressed in this Update include: 1) priority changes in the ADOT Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways, 2) an updated Long Range Transit Plan, 3) extending the time horizon

14C. For information, discussion and recommendation to authorize a conformity analysis of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program.

14D. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1999 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

to 2019, and 4) incorporation of changes from the draft FY 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program. On February 23, 1999, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the LRTP Summary and 1999 Update for an air quality conformity analysis. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

15. Proposed Close-Out of 1995 Special Census (5 minutes)

In 1995, MAG conducted a special census for the entire Maricopa County area. Funding for the Special Census was provided by MAG federal funds and through special assessments provided by the member agencies. During the census, the U.S. Bureau of the Census requested two additional assessments totaling \$2.5 million. These assessments were requested to meet the projected needs for additional enumerators. A successful census was conducted and following the census, the Census Bureau has returned funding not needed. Our records relating to the Bureau of the Census and our member agencies have recently been examined by our auditors. Staff discussed the closeout of the Special Census with the Executive Committee on February 16, 1999. Staff is recommending that the remaining approximate \$400,000 of federal funds be reprogrammed in the FY 1999 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Staff is recommending that the remaining local funds of approximately \$400,000 be programmed as an advance for key future MAG projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information, discussion and possible action.